

Amendments to the Claims:**Listing of Claims:**

1. (cancelled)
2. (cancelled)
3. (cancelled)
4. (Currently amended) Zinc acrylate crystals having a long axis of not less than 5 μ m and an aspect ratio in the range of 1–30 and a solid disintegrating load of the crystals of not more than 1.0 kg/cm².
5. (original) Zinc acrylate according to claim 4, further having a 50% particle diameter of not less than 6 μ m.
6. (original) Zinc acrylate according to claim 4, wherein the ratio of passage of the crystals thereof through a sieve opening of 1 mm is not less than 90%.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (original) Zinc acrylate according to claim 4, wherein the crystals thereof have a degree of compaction of not more than 50%.
9. (Previously presented) A zinc acrylate composition, comprising the zinc acrylate set forth in claim 4 and a zinc salt of a higher aliphatic acid of 12-30 carbon atoms.